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**AMENDMENT UNDER C.F.R. §1.312**

20 In response to the "Examiner's Amendment" included with the Notice Of  
Allowance and dated December 9, 2003, Applicant requests grammatical  
changes be made to claims 1, 2, and 32 of the application before issuance.  
Applicant believes that these changes are consistent with the agreement reached  
during the telephone interview of 11/26/03. Applicant further believes that these  
25 changes represent grammatical changes which do not alter the scope of the  
claims or the intent of the agreement reached by the Applicant and the Examiner  
during the 11/26/03 telephone interview.